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Notice of Improper Amendment

The preliminary amendment filed on 27 August 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The preliminary amendment filed 27 August 2002 sets forth new claims 53-111. However, the remarks state: "Claims 1-52 were in the original PCT application as filed. Applicants have canceled claims 53-111, without prejudice or acquiescence and have added claims 53-111. Claims 53-111 delete the multiple dependency and clarify the claims without prejudice or acquiescence." This statement is inconsistent. It appears Applicant may intend to cancel claims 1-52. This is unclear in the Preliminary Amendment of 27 August 2002. The Preliminary Amendment of 12 March 2004 also fails to clarify this issue but not providing a complete listing of the claims and their current status, e.g. cancelled, previously presented, etc., as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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